

Guidelines for Borough Involvement in Correcting Flooding Problems

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To protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, it shall be the policy of Franklin Park Borough to help citizens resolve flooding problems under the following limited circumstances.

1. Residents requesting assistance under this policy must do so in writing. The request must specifically state the cause of the problem and why it's a borough responsibility to resolve it.
2. The Borough will provide assistance when the water causing the flooding is coming from a public storm water collection system and is being discharged by a pipe or other single point source onto private property. In these instances, the flooded property owner has little or no control in determining the volume or the direction the water travels.
3. The property in question must have a history of flooding or indications that flooding will likely continue unless the problem is corrected. The borough will give priority to problems that cause flooding to a property owner's residence. The Borough may render assistance to eliminate flooding that affects land.
4. If necessary, the property owner(s) in question must be willing to grant an easement, license or other acceptable authorization to the borough, before any work will be performed.
5. The Borough will work with the County or State to resolve flooding that originates on county or state highways.
6. The Borough will not get involved when flooding is caused by surface water running from one property onto another. These are private property matters.
7. Borough will not fix or repair pipes/systems that were installed by private property owners and are now failing, i.e. pipes, culverts, etc. supporting driveways.
8. The Borough will not perform work that is being proposed to enhance the value of private property, i.e. some property owners have ditches running along their property line to channel water coming from a public source/catch basin. In instances where the current drainage system is working there is no need to take any action since the improvement would be for aesthetic reasons which does not impact public health, safety or welfare.
9. The Borough will not help resolve flooding problems that are caused by faulty design, improper construction methods or practices, i.e. construction of a garage below ground level in a natural drainage area.
10. When a flooding problem has multiple causes, the borough reserves the right to determine if assistance will be rendered
11. In rendering assistance the Borough will attempt to follow best management practices that are designed to retain/control floodwaters as close as possible at the source.
12. In extreme natural disasters or emergencies Council may waive these requirements and provide any assistance that is mandated by the Emergency Plans of the Borough, County and State.